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The House met at 10:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HINOJOSA).

### DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
July 30, 2007.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RUBÉN HINOJOSA to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate. The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to not to exceed 30 minutes, and each Member, except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip, limited to not to exceed 5 minutes.

### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 32 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until noon.

□ 1200

### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CARDOZA) at noon.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:  
As another week of work begins, Lord God of the ages, the U.S. House of Representatives assembles and first asks for Your blessing upon their work of legislation and upon this Nation.

May openness to Your blessing, Lord, never be sought only as self-justification or simply a subtle approval for what is done and not done. Your blessing upon this Nation and Government by the people penetrates our very being to surface the truth of motivations and measure the lasting effect of goodness in every action.

Since You desire conversion of hearts of Your people, may the Members of Congress be open to Your free intervention into their plans, that they may become Your instrument of solidarity for justice and visionaries for the gift of peace.

Together may they seek Your kingdom now and forever. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. POE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### SANCTUARY CITIES FOR MS-13?

(Mr. POE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, the violent El Salvadorian gang, MS-13, continues to spread violence in American cities. These thugs started in the eighties and have caused murder and mayhem in Central America. The son of a Honduran president was kidnapped and murdered in 1997. In 2002, gang members gunned down 28 people, including seven kids, on a school bus in Tegucigalpa.

Experts now say these gangsters are the number one problem in Central American countries. Recently, even Mexico stepped up campaigns to arrest these criminals, claiming them to be a threat to national security.

The brutal MS-13 gang has acted in major cities in the United States and are involved in everything from drug and human smuggling to murder. Many of these gangsters are illegally in the United States. Ironically, many major cities that are sanctuary cities for illegals, all in the name of compassion, are hotbeds for MS-13. These cities make law enforcement and deportation hard for the Feds.

Mr. Speaker, cities that give aid and comfort to illegals should be more concerned about protecting the safety of citizens than harboring and hiding out criminal illegals.

And that's just the way it is.

### A TRIBUTE TO ROSE MARIE LOVE

(Mr. DAVIS of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend, former Cook County Commissioner Rose Marie Love, and a member of many groups and organizations in the community where I live.

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